

Hopewell Archeology:

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5. Notes and News

Hopeton research continues in 2005 – Archeologists, geophysicists and geo-archeologists plan to continue research at the Hopeton Earthworks in 2005. Fieldwork is tentatively scheduled for June, with students from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln expected to participate. The focus of the June fieldwork will be additional study of a building on the west side of the large rectangular enclosure at Hopeton. Three walls of this building were partially exposed by previous investigations. Visits to the site to view the excavations may be arranged by contacting Hopewell Culture National Historical Park.

Arizona State University to begin work at Seip – Dr. Katherine Spielmann is making plans for explore the remains of a house floor at Seip. Excavations under the direction of Raymond Baby in the 1970s produced evidence of structures that may been built to shelter craft specialists engaged in making objects for Hopewell rituals. The 2005 project is designed to evaluate whether these structures were workshops. Dr. Spielmann will be assisted by students from Arizona State University as part of a field school in archeological methods and research strategies.

Research at High Bank continues in 2005 - Archaeologists from the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, including Dr. N'omi Greber and a Kirtlandia Society Intern, plan to be at the site in June. Several types of geophysical instruments will be used to confirm the location and character of an anomaly found between two wall segments of the Octagon last season. Additional surveys to compare the apparent difference in the magnetic maps of the Great Circle walls and those of the Octagon will be added as time allows.

Lecture Series – Hopewell Culture National Historical Park is making plans for its annual summer lecture series. Lectures will be given on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm during the month of June. Contact the park to receive more information. These lectures are free to the public and have been very well attended in recent years.

Geophysics Workshop – The National Park Service will be offering its annual workshop on geophysical prospection methods in Chillicothe, Ohio from May 16-20, 2005. The workshop is titled Current Archeological Prospection Advances for Non-Destructive Investigations in the 21st Century is an excellent opportunity to learn how the latest methods in geophysical research are being used in archeological research, particularly the study of mounds and earthworks. Information about the workshop is available at (website).

The Midwest Archeological Conference will be held in Dayton, Ohio, October 20-23, 2005. Dr. Robert Riordan, Wright State University, and Lynn Simonelli and William Kennedy, Dayton Society of Natural History are conference organizers.